

Verb Tenses

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Which sentence has a **present perfect** tense verb?

- A. Shelly **has been drinking** a glass of milk each morning before school.
- B. Someone **has spilled** milk on the kitchen counter.
- C. **Drink** your milk!
- D. Hannah **should add** milk and eggs to her grocery list.



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What tense is the verb this sentence?

When the stars come out tonight, we **will be sleeping** in our new treehouse!

- A. present perfect
- B. past progressive
- C. future progressive
- D. future



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Choose the verb in the **past perfect** tense to complete the sentence.

Trevor's phone _____ two groups of students when Mr. Thomas asked him to turn it off.

- A. had disturbed
- B. had been disturbing
- C. disturbed
- D. will have been disturbed



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Which choice changes the verb to **past** tense?

The mail carrier **has left** my package on the porch.

- A. left
- B. should not leave
- C. will have left
- D. will leave



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Instructions:

Follow the directions on each card.

Write the **letter** of the answer you chose on the answer sheet beside the correct number.

For clarity, use **capital letters**.

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Verb Tenses Reference Chart		
<u>Past Progressive</u> Identifies a continuous action or state of being that occurred in the past at a specific time and was interrupted by another past event. was/were + present participle (-ing) <i>Carl was texting when the door bell rang.</i> <i>Several children were climbing a small tree in the middle of the playground.</i>	<u>Present Progressive</u> Indicates a continuous action or state of being that is taking place now but on a temporary basis. am/is + present participle (-ing) <i>I am thinking about what you said.</i> <i>Someone is sleeping in the couch.</i>	<u>Future Progressive</u> Indicates a continuous action or state of being that will occur in the future at a specific time or be interrupted by another future event. will be + present participle (-ing) <i>Aunt Pat will be leaving tomorrow.</i> <i>The city will be appointing a new manager early next week.</i>
<u>Past perfect Progressive</u> Indicates continuous action or state of being that began in the past and continued until it was finished or interrupted by another past event. had been + present participle (-ing) <i>Sally had been watching TV for an hour when she remembered her appointment.</i> <i>Carl had been the team captain until he graduated in May.</i>	<u>Present perfect Progressive</u> Indicates on-going action or state of being that started in the past and has continued to the present moment. has/ have been+ present participle (-ing) <i>Sam has been waiting all morning for the mail to arrive.</i> <i>For two days, we have been watching a robin build her nest outside the kitchen window.</i>	<u>Future Perfect Progressive</u> Indicates continuous action or state of being that will take place in the future and will continue until it is completed or interrupted by another future event. will have been + present participle (-ing) <i>I will have been taking piano lessons for a year on March 26th.</i> <i>My grandparents will have been married 40 years in June.</i>

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